



southern california dx club

September 2004



The Great Bash of 2004

Soap Box— Words from our President

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Jim N6DHz



I want to thank Jim, N6DHz on the presentation of KFI, I am compelled to go and visit the site, never realizing that it was so close and awesome.

J3/K6VC
3 months and counting!

I announced at the meeting in August, that I was asked by The YLRL to join them on a DXpedition to J3 (Grenada), I have accepted and am filling out my papers to send to Ann, so that when I arrive in Grenada in November, I will be ready to go and not only work DX, but see the sites. My call will be J3/K6VC and I am extremely excited about



meeting Ann who has been on many expeditions and is on the honor roll. This is an event that she and another YL, Cheryl N0WBV, thought would be a great experience for YL's who have never been on a DXpedition. I am looking forward to learning from a pro and get to know other YL's from Italy and the US. We will be staying at the Siesta Hotel on the Grand Anse Beach.

I will fill you in on more details of when I will leave. Right now I am looking at November 17 – 24th. I will also let you know what frequencies and bands we plan to operate on. I have already had requests for 160 and RTTY for those who don't have this mode and band.

Any suggestions are always welcomed and I will probably pick on mentors for guidance. That is the



I want to thank Wayne, W6IRD and Sharon, K6IRD, no Wayne did not get remarried to some other woman named Sharon, our resident "Wild Woman" went out and with the help of Gordon West, WB6NOA got here General ticket. All of their hard work and effort made the Summer Bash a great success and a fun day for every-

one who attended. Larry, K6YUI and Keith, K6LD did a fine job on the BBQ's and it was great to see such a large group of people make the trip up from the San Diego area.

I was reading QST this morning and one of the letters to the editor was from a W1 who moved out to W6 land and decided to meet a few of his new ham neighbors at Field Day. What should have been a fun day for him with a group of friendly hams tuned in to a disappointing waste of time. Basically he showed up at the local clubs site and was given the cold shoulder, ignored and dismissed. This despite his efforts to introduce himself and meet the participants. I know I forget to mention the new or visitors to the meetings sometimes myself. I believe at the last meeting I was talking to someone, a new member I think and was asked a question by someone else about the raffle or something. I got side tracked from the original conversation and when I turned around the person I was originally talking to was gone. So of course I would like to apologize to him but as usual I was going in several different directions at once during a meeting so I don't remember his call. But I'm sure he will know who he is, hopefully he will come to the next meeting and reintroduce himself to me so I can apologize in person. This should serve as a reminder to all of us to say hello to that unfamiliar face that shows up in the seat next to you at a meeting.

In general I think our club does a pretty good job of welcoming new/prospective members and our membership shows this. We now have 177 (+17 honorary) members from 11 countries and we seem to get a few new members every month or so and the renewal rate is very high every year. In August our web site reached the 10,000 hit mark

Bubba's Spot



Hi to all.

Lets get started with the Summer Bash.....WOW! This was my first Bash and the first time to the IRDs (yes, plural soon). Congrats to Sharon, KG6VWW on earning her General class license. If you missed her badge you

could not miss her smile. Her badge has Kilo Golf 6 Very Wild Woman on it but under the tape is K6IRD, her goal from the beginning. I think Wayne is still in a state of shock and wonder (I know the feeling Wayne). I also think YUIs enthusiasm keeps us all going. All said and done.....she worked hard and attained her goal. Good job Sharon!

I got to do a lot of glad-handing and have a look at the shop. I was not the only one going through the shop with my jaw dropped, looking in amazement at things I have never seen before. It was so neat and clean, as I knew it would be. The perfect couple, the perfect house, the perfect hosts.

Thank you for a great afternoon of friendship and food. Food? Yes, our resident chef extraordinaire, Keith, with his able helper Larry, did yet another outstanding job on the BBQ.

The August SCDXC meeting was well attended, fun and informative. Jim, N6DHz's presentation on his KFI tour was most interesting. His pictures were great. I have fully recovered from helping him lift the insulator in and out of the truck. What a thing of beauty, right Linda?

Jim also did a good job of filling the prize table. I was able to sell Sharon, K6IRD her first raffle tickets. I was really hoping she would win something. The first ticket pulled? Yep! W6IRD and he headed straight for the keyer. Wayne pulled WU6Ds ticket and he went for the Heil ProSet headphone and mic, Carl pulled N6HY's ticket and went for the Heil Quiet Phones donated by Bob Heil. Thanks Bob. Congratulations to all the lucky winners and better luck next month for the rest of us non-winners.

Question... What did it cost Radio Dan for the colored tape?

That's all Bubba has to say this month.....except.....See you next meeting and .Good DX!

73 De Bob, W6ZPL

ARRL ELECTIONS

We will soon be asked to vote for the ARRL Southwestern Division Director. This year we have two candidates that are well known to the SCDXC. Tuck Miller, NZ6T an SCDXC member, and current ARRL Southwestern Division Vice-Director and Dick Norton, N6AA a past President of the SCDXC, and well known DXer/contester. The SCDXC urges you to download the candidate information available on the club website , get informed and vote.

Next General Meeting

The SCDXC meets the second Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be held September 9, 2004 at Syd Kronenthal Park in Culver City. The park is located 4 blocks west of La Cienega Blvd. and 2 blocks south of Washington Blvd. From the 10 Freeway exit La Cienega south to Washington Blvd. Turn right (west) 4 blocks to McManus Ave (it's La Cienega Ave to the right, McManus to the left). Turn left (south) 2 blocks to the Park. The street dead-ends at the parking lot.

Please do not park in the school lot.

annual Anchors Away auction

See ya there!

Propagation September 2004

by Shel, W6EL



These predictions for the five prime HF bands show the times when propagation is expected to be best from Los Angeles to several locations that are expected to be active during the coming month.

Other times are possible, but with weaker signals or lower probability. Openings are not expected on bands that are

not listed. A solar flux of 103, corresponding to a sunspot number of 52, and an average geomagnetic field are assumed. Sunrise/sunset times are at the DX location. All times are UTC.

Good luck and good DX from Shel, W6EL.

HB0 Liechtenstein - 9/12 to 9/19 -
Beam 32 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 9/16) 0506/1727
40: 0230-0500.
15: 1630-2000.

FK New Caledonia
Beam 244 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 9/18) 1853/0647
80: 0930-1300.
40: 0730-1400.
20: 0530-1300 and 1430-1530.
15: 0300-0600.
10: 1930-0300.

LX Luxembourg - 9/18 to 9/21 -
Beam 32 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 9/20) 0525/1733
80: Around 0430.
40: 0230-0530.
15: 1600-2000.

V6 Micronesia - 9/17 to 9/26 -
Beam 274 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 9/22) 1933/0733
80: 1000-1300.
40: 0800-1400.
20: 0600-1300 and 1430-1600.
15: 1930-0500.
10: 2030-0200.

CT9 Madeira Islands 9/20 to 9/30 -
Beam 57 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 9/25) 0702/1856
80: 0400-0630.
40: 0200-0700.
20: 2330-0430.
15: 1530-2200.

OJ0 Market Reef - 9/23 to 9/26 -
Beam 20 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 9/25) 0443/1627
40: 0230-0500.
20: 1400-1600.
15: 1630-1730.

PJ Netherlands Antilles -
9/22 to 9/29 - Beam 103 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 9/26) 1027/2225
80: 0400-1000.
40: 0200-1030.
20: 2300-0730.
15: 1500-0100.
10: 1730-2230.

VP5 Turks & Caicos - 9/23 to 10/2 -
Beam 94 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 9/28) 1040/2233
80: 0300-1030.
40: 0100-1130.
20: 2100- 0230 and 1330-1500.
15: 1530-2330.

WE NEED YOU!

The SCDXC Newsletter needs your input. Send your articles and stuff to the editor at harv@scdxc.org and be a published author!

Have you bought a new radio? Tell us your impressions.

Hamming on vacation? Tell us where.

HOLIDAY PARTY DATE SET

The SCDXC board has announced the date for the holiday party.

This year's Holiday Party will be on Sunday afternoon, December 05, 2004 at the Orange Hill Restaurant, in the city of Orange. The Party will be from 12:30pm to 3:00pm.

KF6RNX, Irene Brown, featured in Sept QST

We take pride in the recent achievement of KF6RNX, Irene, the XYL of Edgar, N6OU. Check out page 113 in the Sept 2004 issue of QST. The editor asked Ed if we could get a bit more background and Irene sent this note.

Edgar said you were looking for a photo of our publicized event regarding our Fine Arts and Morse Code Club booth written up in the QST. Well, it is my pleasure to send you this one. Art Goddard did a really great job at making us visible to the public. My title is Special Education Assistant and I'm so proud of that. I am in the process of getting my BA degree from CSUN. This has been a goal of mine after my children finished school. I work for the LAUSD at Van Gogh Elementary School, a wonderful school with great teachers. I'm inspired by their talents.



So, here goes! The children were so excited and loved getting their packets that Art Goddard

W6XD from the ARRL provided; brochures about HAM radio for children and parents with Morse Code information and certificates of participation. The school supplied the pencils, and printing of certificates. I made up the cards, the lighting bolt pencils and the three frogs; "DIT, DA and MC" They were out mascots. I used my key and Nichole's (a student club members, loaned us her key for the day). It made it very easy for students to come and exercise the keys on this 100F plus day! I took my "itsy bitsy camera" and video taped some of our moments. This was my first time doing this so maybe next time I will be able to capture our sign and table set up with better visual captions.

Thanks for asking about our day. Blame it all on Art Goddard W6XD! I thank him for the last minute help and all the material he gathered up and supplied us with for our booth! We are so proud of him, the ARRL and the encouraging words he gave me for a very successful day! So, now that he has made us visible to the world of radio, I do hope other teachers find it in their curriculum to make Morse Code, this universal language, a natural skill for their students.

Again, thanks for asking for our Van Gogh Elementary School's ~ Fine Arts and Morse Code Club Day Spring Festival 2004.

Sincerely, Irene P. Brown ~ KF6RNX

More VEEP

since it was revamped on 9-1-02 (a daily average of about 11 hits) not huge but about 6% of the club membership every day. We also had about 8000 hits to the Visalia site for the 2004 convention.

This month's meeting will be our annual Anchors Away auction. So everyone clean out the shack, garage, or storage shed and bring all your good stuff that the wife hates and sell it. Everyone should make a good deal of money as I understand that Sharon, KG6VWW is looking for something to collect (not Collins) and is cleaning out her own corner of Wayne's shop to store all the purchases she plans to bring home from the auction.

We also have an ARRL election this year for Southwestern Division director. Tuck Miller, NZ6T a current member of the club and Dick Norton,

N6AA a past president of the club are running for the position. The club web site has profiles of both. So be sure you get informed and vote.

It's also not too early to get your reservations in for the Holiday Party. I have received first reservation this week and they are very excited that we will be in a private room this year. Details can be found on the web site.

See you at the auction.

73 DE Jim, N6DHZ

Happy 5765

KH7K - KURE ATOLL

COMING TO YOUR RADIO IN OCTOBER!

The following news release has appeared in several internet DX bulletins:

"The Pacific DX Group is planning a DXpedition to Kure Atoll starting in mid-October for a 10 to 11 day operation. The team leaders are Kimo/KH7U and Patrick/NH6UY. They will be joined by an experienced international team of operators. The team consisting of about 15 operators will be active on 160-6 meters on SSB, CW, RTTY and with some PSK31. Operators mentioned so far are: KH7U, NH6UY, N4XP, WB4JTT, KO4RR, AA7A, N6MZ, DJ9ZB, I8NHJ, AH9B, N0AX, RZ3AA and JH7OHF. Kure is number 29 in North America and number 17 overall in the DX Magazine's 'Most Wanted' for 2003."

The team must first fly to Midway Island and then sail to Kure. October 19th through the 29th has been mentioned as a possible window. The DXpedition's website is under construction. See: <http://www.dxpedition.info/> There will be no online logs. The North American pilot will be N1DG.



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Kure, is the most northwestern island of the Hawaiian Archipelago and the northern-most coral atoll in the world. It is 1,200 miles northwestward of Honolulu and 56 miles west of Midway Island. The International Date Line is approximately 100 miles further west. Kure is made up of a ring-shaped barrier reef surrounding a shallow lagoon and several sand islets. The only land of significant size is Green Island, habitat for 16 species of nesting seabirds and numerous species of migratory shorebirds. Landing is by special permission only, but illegal landings by fishermen pose continual threats to the wildlife. The reef is about 15 miles in circumference, 5 miles in diameter. There is an opening through the reef on the southwest side, but only small craft can enter. Along the south side of the lagoon are a small island and two sand banks.

Kure was one of the islands acquired by the United States on July 7, 1898, when Hawaii became a Territory. In April 1909 it was made part of the Hawaiian Islands Bird Reservation. Kure lies close to what is referred to as the Darwin Point, the latitude at which reef growth just equals natural reef destruction. As Kure continues to be slowly carried along to the northwest by the motion of the Pacific Plate, it will move into waters too cool for coral and coralline algae growth. It will then begin to join the other volcanic and reef-topped remnants of the Hawaiian-Emperor Chain to the northwest, which are now all seamounts — as in under water!

The U.S. Coast Guard operated a Loran radar station on Green Island From 1960 until June 1992. In July 1993, the USCG returned to the island as planned and demolished most of the structures, dug up old solid waste landfills and attempted to remove all hazardous materials, mostly batteries and transformers. Heavily contaminated PCB and dioxin-laced soil was removed from the island. Less heavily contaminated soil was buried in a more stable landfill site in the middle of the island.

After demolition of the Loran station, the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) implemented a rat eradication program on the island, which "appears to have been successful." You can see Green island in the picture. Would *you* like to go there?

Over the years, many of the LORAN personnel activated the ham bands. So if your DX chasing goes back far enough, it's likely that you have Kure confirmed. If not, a "new one" awaits you! The most sustained operation that I recall was in January and February of 1978 when N4ZC, KH6JFI and WA8VDJ activated Kure as N4ZC/KH6. (See QSL.) N4ZC subsequently operated from Midway. There has been virtually no Kure activity since 1997 when operations by both K7K and N4BQW/KH7K left many of the deserving still in need.

Next month's operation has the potential to go a long way in satisfying the pent up demand for Kure (OC-020). It's a virtual bag shot on most bands from the West Coast but it's a really long haul to Europe, especially at this point in the solar cycle. So when they ask for "Europe Only," be sure to standby!

I'll be looking to catch Kure on some new bands. See you in the pile-ups!

Good luck & 73, Steve WB6RSE

Surfing the WEB

The following site has all the information you will ever want to know about DXCC.

<http://www.arrrl.org/awards/dxcc/>

Program Ideas

If you have an idea for a program to be presented at the club meeting please contact Jim, N6DHz. He is always looking for ideas and speakers.

BPL Info Central

The **BPL Info Central**, on the CQ magazine website is an excellent source for facts, background and tips on dealing with the interference threat posed by Broadband over Power Lines (BPL).

Check it out.

A letter to the editor

(ed note: here is a nice note from a new member of the SCDXC)

Hello Harv,
Here's a story for you. My 19 year old son and I are new members to the SCDXC. And my son's call is Jay Thompson, W6JAY. He is the 2003 Amateur Radio Newsline Young Ham Of The Year which great by it's self but he's the first young ham to win this award on the west coast of the USA and Newsline has been giving out this award for almost twenty years. You might say he broke the pileup. Also Jay just won The Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award along with \$1500. Jay will receive this award at the SW Convention August 28 where is also a speaker <http://www.hamradio2004.com>.

73,
Richard WA6NOL



DXpedition to AVES, YV0D, includes SCDXC member OH2BH



The island is a well known bird sanctuary.



Martii put in a good signal and worked many club



A great set of photos of the trip—along with interesting captions tell some of the story of this DXpedition—can be found on the web at <http://www.m2inc.com/openhouse.html>

Too bad the weather turned bad and the stay on the island was cut short.

So Martii, where do we go from here?

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